

Region I: *New England Collaborative – Addressing Healthcare-Associated Infections in End-Stage Renal Disease Facilities*

Key Project Elements:

- Understand barriers and opportunities to healthcare-associated infection (HAI) surveillance using the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) in a variety of end-stage renal disease (ESRD) facilities
 - Form a New England Collaborative, generating partnerships and collaboration across the region with wide representation from diverse perspectives of dialysis providers
 - Assess scope of HAI surveillance needs in ESRD facilities
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About the Project

Region I received funding to address healthcare-associated infections (HAI) in end-stage renal disease (ESRD) facilities. This project responds to the need to address the absence of National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) data collection and reporting in ESRD facilities. This project will undertake a pilot surveillance project within New England with the primary purpose to determine the opportunities and barriers presented by enrollment in, reporting to, and utility of the NHSN system. . A diverse group of ESRD facilities will be enrolled including hospital-based and independent facilities, as well as facilities of various sizes. This project will collaborate with other research programs focusing on HAI reduction and data collection in ESRD facilities.

The team will:

- 1) Form a New England Collaborative among state health departments, ESRD facilities, regional and national federal representatives and other ESRD stakeholder groups;
- 2) Leverage these partnerships to plan a pilot project specific to HAI surveillance in ESRD facilities in at least three of the six New England states, using the NHSN system; and
- 3) Execute a pilot surveillance project, enrolling at least twelve ESRD facilities in three states.

For more information

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